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Title : SURGICAL APPARATUS PERMITTING RECHARGE  
OF BATTERY-DRIVEN SURGICAL INSTRUMENT  
IN NONCONTACT STATE  
Assignee : Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/492,711 filed January 27, 2000, entitled SURGICAL APPARATUS PERMITTING RECHARGE BATTERY-DRIVEN SURGICAL INSTRUMENT IN NONCONTACT STATE, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-059271 filed in Japan on March 5, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-076336 filed in Japan on March 19, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-080534 filed in Japan on March 24, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-084350 filed in Japan on March 26, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 11-089393 filed in Japan on March 30, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated by this reference.

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- ☒    Print EFS Data Sheet
- 64   Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 10   Numbered Claims Calculated as   10   Claims for Fee Purposes
- 32   Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures   1   to   41  . (Formal)
- ☒    Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under 37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- ☒    PTO-1449 Form of Disclosure recorded under Serial No. 09/492,711

☒ Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Application Nos. 11-059271, filed March 5, 1999; 11-076336, filed March 19, 1999; 11-080534, filed March 24, 1999; 11-084350, filed March 26, 1999; and 11-089393, filed March 30, 1999, is claimed. The certified copies of the priority applications have been filed in said prior application Serial No. 09/492,711, filed January 27, 2000

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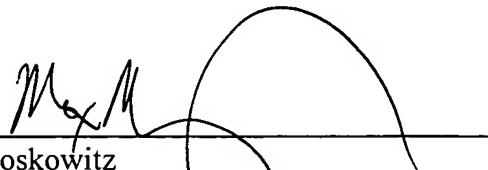
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